



## Ben Richard Gardner

October 6, 1939 - May 24, 2022

Ben Gardner of Grand Ledge passed away May 24, 2022 in Lansing, Michigan. Ben was born October 6, 1939 in Lansing to the late John and Catherine (Bailey) Gardner. He graduated from Eastern High School Class of 1957 and went on to proudly serve his country in the United States Army Reserve. He married Nancy Teachout in 1963 and had two daughters, Dana and Theresa. He later married the love of his life, Sharon Dailey, in 1986 and they shared the next 36 years together.

Ben was a Foreman at the Diamond Reo truck plant in Lansing and later went on to work in commercial tire sales. Together with his father John, Ben completed several large home renovation projects. A lifelong Michigan State Spartans fan, Ben himself was an avid bowler and golfer (scoring two career holes-in-one). A frequent outdoorsman, he was a duck and pheasant hunter and a fisherman who tied his own fly fishing ties. A sports car enthusiast, Ben owned several, including an early Ford Mustang, several Triumphs, and an Alfa Romeo. He also enjoyed reading about military history, collecting wooden ducks, taking trips to casinos, always offering his pocket knife in a pinch, and sipping fine scotch. His evenings were spent on the back deck of the home he built with Sharon, listening to the birds sing and watching the sun set.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Sharon (Dailey); daughters, Dana (Bradley) Gardner-Clark and Theresa (Michael) Ku; grandchildren, Evan

Clark, Cameryn (Carl Richards) Clark, Bryson Ku, and sister, Joan Bennett.

A celebration of Ben's life will be held at a later date, to be announced. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Capital Area Humane Society, 7095 W. Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48906 (<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=cahsad&id=23>).

Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Karen Connick-Dunckel lit a candle in memory of Ben Richard Gardner*



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**Karen Connick-Dunckel** - August 28, 2022 at 01:10 PM

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“ *Always remember being in my Aunt Nancy and his wedding as a flower girl when I was 5 and also his bear rug he had. And how he was matched with my Dad thru St Vincent. He came in and sat with him and they played cribbage. Sure they are in Heaven having those cribbage matches seeing who can out peg the other. I send my deepest condolences to my family Love 💕💕 You all and Rest In Peace my dear Uncle*

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**Karen Connick-Dunckel** - August 28, 2022 at 01:09 PM